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ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

An ink detecting device of an inkjet printer includes an ink tank, a supporting member, a luminous member, and a photo detector. The ink tank includes a predetermined amount of ink, and the supporting member is disposed at a predetermined position to detect when an ink level is decreased below a predetermined level. The luminous member includes a self-luminous material and is supported by the supporting member. The photo detector detects a light emitted from the luminous member when the ink level in the ink tank is lower than the predetermined level.